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As below named inventor(s) we hereby declare that:
We believe we are the original first and joint inventor(s) of the
subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought
on the invention entitled :"METHODS FOR REDUCING BIO-AVAILABILITY
OF LEAD BY A LEAD-SEQUESTERING SOIL BACTERIUM", the specification
of which: Is attached hereto

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37 CFR 1.56(a).

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application:

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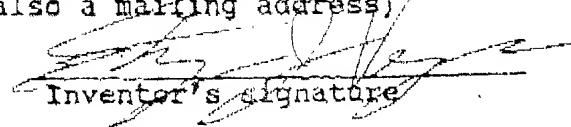
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